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SUBJECT: IRELAND CONSIDERS U.S. CANDIDATE FOR UN HUMAN
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¶1. On May 31 emboff delivered reftel dipnote and talking points to Department of Foreign Affairs Human Rights Section Director Eamonn MacAodha. MacAodha confirmed Ireland's participation at the September 7 New York meeting of the States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights but said that while Professor Ruth Wedgwood is a strong nominee for the UN Human Rights Committee it is too early to promise Irish support for her candidacy.

¶2. On June 1, post received a diplomatic note confirming Irish consideration of Professor Wedgwood's candidacy with text as follows:

Begin text of diplomatic note:

The Department of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the Embassy's Note 341 of 31 May concerning the candidature of Professor Ruth Wedgwood for reelection to a seat on the United Nations Human Rights Committee.

The Department of Foreign Affairs has the honour to assure the Embassy of the United States of America that this candidature will receive careful consideration.

(Complimentary close)

End text.

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